

Makes Him Choke Up

Humphrey, Dirksen Expound Spring; Propose Floral Gardens at Capitol

By DICK WEST

Washington - If ever you need something to make your heart sing, I recommend that you acquire a copy of the Congressional Record and turn to page 6503. There you will find, in all of its gladsome fullness, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen's lyrical oration on spring flowers.

Just the thought of it makes me choke up. This is not so much sentiment, however, as pollen dust, which gives me hay fever.

For the past two days, Dirksen has been engaged in a running - one might even say skipping - debate with Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey over blossom time in Capitol Hill.

Their Ferdinand-like dispute began last week when Humphrey, a Minnesota Democrat and part-time robin, arose to inform his colleagues that spring was abounding in the great outdoors.

The trees were lacy with green, he thrilled; the birds were on the wing. But, he noted sadly, the Capitol grounds were almost barren of the floral beauty associated with the season.

Steps should be taken, he said, to make the Capitol "fringed with gardens" so that all might enjoy "the natural colors and blossoms of nature."

Humphrey's aesthetic observations caused a stirring in the breast of Dirksen, the Senate Republican leader whose larynx is lined with rose petals.

Declaring himself "transported" by the discourse, Dirksen nevertheless felt constrained to point out that planting flowers is a risky undertaking until the danger of frost has passed.

To be sure, he said, "the gentle, multicolored pansies" would bravely raise their "dainty heads" without fear of being nipped by frost. So would the daffodil, whose "sprightly dance" inspired the poem by Wordsworth. Ditto "the stately tulip."

But dahlias, which "always entrance the eye," must be careful lest their "tiny shoots" come up too soon. And so must "the gentle petunia, one of my favorite flowers."

In due course, Dirksen promised, "there will be canna and dahlias and princess-leather and all the other beautiful flowers that somehow engender a kind of introspection, assuage all the turbulence of the soul, and bring

peace to the hearts of all who labor here."

Although he praised Dirksen as a "famous soldier of agronomy," Humphrey was far from placated. He returned to the Senate chamber Thursday with pamphlets and charts to show that many plants can safely blossom here in the early spring.

Dirksen replied that the rebuttal was blighted by a technical flaw. Humphrey, he said, seemed not to know the difference between a flower and a shrub.

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Search, Rescue Team Planned

Eagle Point - As an outgrowth of the recent search for two missing Eagle Point area boys, a search and rescue team to be called Southern Oregon Searchers (SOS) is being organized.

The new organization, being sponsored by the Medford squadron of the Civil Air patrol, will hold an open meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the

Eagle Point Community building.

All mounted horsemen wishing to become affiliated with SOS are invited to attend.

The purpose of this organization will be to help form an organized search and rescue unit comprised of horsemen, mobile units and aircraft that will be available when

children, hunters, fishermen or others are lost in the Rogue valley.

Tuesday night's meeting will be open to the public. Major John W. Keener, commander of the Medford Composite Squadron Civil Air patrol, will explain plans for SOS. Those wishing further information may call either SP 2-5921 or HI 6-1571.

Half the edible peanut crop of the U.S. is made into peanut butter.

Western Airlines Sets New Flights

San Francisco - Western Airlines announced Saturday inauguration of new non-stop turbo jet flights between San Francisco and several western cities.

An airline spokesman said non-stop service between San Francisco and San Diego, and San Francisco and Long Beach, Calif., would begin today.

The following day a non-stop flight between San Francisco and Las Vegas would start. Flights from Las Vegas would, after leaving San Francisco, continue on to Portland, Ore., and Seattle.

DEFENDS TESTS

Indianapolis, Ind. - (UPI) - Former President Harry S. Truman Saturday defended nuclear atmospheric testing by the United States and said "it never should have been stopped in the first place."

GETS AWARD

Salem - (UPI) - Dr. Leon P. Minear, Oregon superintendent of public instruction pushing for a "democracy vs. communism" course in Oregon public schools, has been given a national award by the American Legion for his effort.

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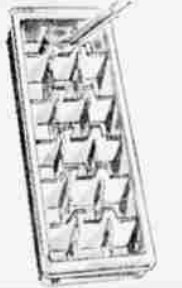
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WALL STREET REFORM MOVE IS ON

A week from today in a large conference room in Washington, D.C., the Government will open its first public hearing in its exhaustive 1962 probe of the nation's stock markets - an investigation which is spreading out to cover every aspect of the securities business and which is sure to lead to new, tougher laws and stricter rules governing "Wall Street."

It's a cinch that out of this initial hearing will come shocking disclosures of unethical if not illegal actions by salesmen in the securities business, revelations of distinctly inadequate standards of conduct among men the public has trusted. For the Securities & Exchange Commission has chosen to kick off the public part of the Government's probe by asking searching questions about the "qualifications, training, supervision and selling practices of persons engaged in the securities business" - and it's bearing down particularly on salesmen of mutual funds to the public.

It's hardly a secret to anyone familiar with the stock market that in some areas, qualifications of salesmen have been inferior, training has been meager, supervision has been lax, selling practices have been on the borderline of legality.

SEC chairman Cary himself has pinpointed abuses in the mutual fund field, has criticized the "employment of part-time or inexperienced salesmen" who "may solicit from door to door and operate from private residences remote from their supervisors." He has emphasized that "the spread of branch offices" of big New York City firms has resulted in a "diffusion of responsibility" and "increased the problems of training and supervision and regulation of salesmen."

There will be fireworks. Even at this early date, there is a high probability of new legislation which would permit the SEC to write rules compelling salesmen of stocks and bonds to the public to meet specified standards of conduct and operation.

But while the first public hearing is a week away, the SEC investigation already has led to a reform wave on Wall Street.

For months now, the SEC's experts have been digging deep into the activities of members of the leading stock exchanges - ranging from the giant New York Exchange down to the small regional exchanges and there has been a perceptible tightening of controls over the members of the exchanges and their activities.

The agency has mailed tough questionnaires to financial firms distributing "hot" new stock issues last year, to corporations selling stocks to the public, to public relations organizations handling publicity for these corporations, to over-the-counter brokers, etc. The questionnaires have focused attention on loopholes in the laws and regulations, spurred attempts to close the loopholes. The whole structure of the ASE, which has the dubious distinction of causing this broadcast probe of the securities markets in a generation, is being "cleaned" and a repetition of the scandals disclosed a year ago is less and less likely. In every area, steps are being taken to upgrade the training and supervision of securities salesmen, to tighten curbs on high-pressure advertising of stocks and advisory services. Financial public relations firms, aware that they're under the spotlight and may be a target for new laws, are screening their employees to make sure they're not involved in manipulating prices of stocks. In recent months, the once hot new stock issues market - in which there has been appalling manipulation - has turned to cool and down-right cold.

The abuses which the SEC has been uncovering behind closed doors are about to come into the open. The methods of eliminating them are still to be determined, appropriate laws and government regulations aren't even in the blueprint stage.

But the reform movement already is in high gear. Whatever is developing in regulations self-imposed by Wall Street's leaders, and will develop in new government laws and rules, will enhance the protection of buyers and owners of securities. You're the beneficiary.

Fifth Disease Still Ranks High

The number of cases reported of fifth disease continued to rank high last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer.

Medford reported four, Central Point eight, Talent 20 and Phoenix one.

Measles cases also were plentiful, with Central Point reporting one, Ashland and Phoenix each reporting two, and Medford three and Eagle Point five.

Other cases of communicable disease reported were Medford, five pneumonia cases; Medford, seven influenza cases; Talent, one, and Medford, two cases of gonorrhea; Medford, two cases of whooping cough; Central

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